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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with House Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence (HPSCI) Staff Director, Tom Latimer

1. On 14 April 1988 I met with House Intelligence Committee Staff Director, Tom Latimer, to review the following items.

2. I reminded Latimer that [] will soon be replacing [] as Deputy of House Affairs. Latimer enthusiastically supports [] nomination.

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3. We discussed the DCI breakfast with Committee Members scheduled for 21 April. []

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5. We discussed the challenge of good communications between the Agency and the Committee staff and between the Chairman and the Director. I underscored the Director's willingness to receive calls from the Chairman whenever concerns arise and I mentioned to Latimer that our Secretariat provides to the Director any letters from the Chairman or other Committee Members the same time they arrive at Headquarters. On a more pedestrian problem, I assured Latimer that I have asked the community people to fix the secure telephone link between Headquarters and the Committee staff to facilitate day-to-day communication.

6. The issue of the list of liaison countries and dollar amounts involved in liaison was discussed briefly. Both the Chairman and staff are pleased this has been resolved.

7. We discussed the difficulties certain HPSCI staff travelers have recently run into while visiting a couple of our stations. I summarized for Latimer all the facts I had unearthed and urged him to consider seriously the one solution that has minimized these problems in the past. That solution is to have a Headquarters officer from Congressional Affairs []

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[redacted] travel with staffers, particularly those going to stations that do not receive many Congressional visitors. [redacted]

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8. We discussed the Chairman's 31 March letter to the Director concerning Nicaragua. I asked Latimer to clarify with the Chairman the kind of response he felt he needed and we discussed the options of a regular briefing or brief written reports. Subsequently, I learned Dick Stolz had discussed this matter with Chairman Stokes also on 14 April. I have informed Latimer that Stolz will prepare a Memorandum for the Record which I will send to Latimer. The Chairman will review this Memorandum for the Record to confirm that it also reflects his understanding before we implement the procedures for briefings, perhaps monthly.

9. I informed Latimer that the Agency has implemented the new policy on spousal leave sharing. He said he did not believe the Chairman would be communicating further with the Agency on this issue.

10. I confirmed for Latimer that [redacted] of the Office of Global Issues and [redacted] of the Office of Congressional Affairs would brief him on 15 April on the third world resources program.

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11. Latimer briefed me about the Chairman's account of his recent visit to China and Korea. I have passed the substance of this communication on to the A/DDO.

12. Latimer had a couple of questions on what the Agency has done to support the Capitol police on security upgrading. [redacted] will follow up on this issue with Latimer.

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13. Latimer provided a brief review of the action HPSCI has taken in its FY89 budget markup. Overall, the CIA is out only [redacted] Details will be provided to Danny Childs.

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14. All in all, this session seemed to provide a useful clearing of the air on several contentious issues. I expressed to Latimer my hope that we can hold such sessions at least on a monthly basis.

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